

Clarendon To Return To Old West During July Celebration

Fourth Will Be A Gala Affair Plans Well Under Way; County People Donating Relics, Pictures.

People all over the county and the Panhandle are showing great enthusiasm over Clarendon’s “Reenactment of a Fourth of July Fifty Years Ago.” Persons from surrounding communities and towns will be asked to cooperate in the collecting of pioneer relics.

Jerome Stocking, chairman of the local collection committee, reports that he has already received a number of interesting relics and photographs which will be exhibited on this occasion, which promises to be a high spot in the history of the county.

Mr. Stocking is interested in old guns, spurs, belts, and old Indian relics, old pieces of furniture, old photographs and particularly anything that dates back to the old Clarendon settlement.

Mr. Stocking has selected Will Chamberlain, J.C. Estlack, and Misses Lorraine Patrick and Jo Ella Stewart to serve on the collection committee with him.

A special collection of old dresses, bridal costumes or any dress worn before 1910 will be made by the girls of this committee.

Whether display windows in the business district will be utilized for the exhibits or whether the collection will be located in a central house has not as yet been decided by the committee.

Homer Mulkey, chairman of the parade, has chosen Jimmy Moores, Ed Fox, and Winks Adams to assist him. Mr. Mulkey reports that he, together with his committeemen, will secure 150 horses and riders for this gala event.

The JA Ranch will either allow

the ranch chuck wagon to be used in the parade or rig up a semblance of the wagon, reports officials.

It is the purpose of those in charge of the parade to have all old cow punchers to don their regalia and to lead the pompous exhibition.

J. M. Hill, chairman of the floats committee, has received the promise of a beautiful float from the local Lions Club; other business and civic clubs will doubtlessly respond.

The worthy purpose of this celebration, aside from a pioneer and old settler’s get-together, is to develop the necessary spirit which will prepare the county for the 1936 Centennial in making it the greatest historical reenactment ever undertaken by a people.

Donley County Leader, June 13, 1935

Baptist Church To Be Dedicated

The First Baptist Church will dedicate its new \$259,000 plant Sunday, March 16, 1969. The day is also the 79th anniversary of the founding of the church. Special services have been planned for be entire day with former pastors and members as special guests.

Rev. W.F. Vanderburg, pastor from 1955-1959, will speak at the regular morning worship hour. Rev. L. A. Sartain, pastor 1947-1951, will speak at the afternoon service beginning at 2:30. Rev. Howard Scott, pastor 1952-1953, will bring the evening sermon.

Dedication vows will be taken by Pastor W. R. Lawrence and the people at the afternoon service. Following the program, a tea will be served and tours of the church offered.

Special music is a part of the three services also. Mrs. Millard Word, Canyon, will be soloist in the afternoon. Mrs. Howard Scott will present an organ recital at 6:30 preceding the evening service at 7:00. The combined Youth and Adult choirs will sing at the morning and afternoon services, and a men’s quartet will sing in the evening.

Invitations have been sent to former members who live out of town. The church invites the people of Clarendon to visit any of the three services and enjoy the tours and fellowship during the day.

The Donley County Leader March 13, 1969

Shepherd Will Fill Pulpit of Colored Baptist Church

Rev. B. N. Shepherd, pastor of the First Baptist church will preach for the members of the St. Stephens Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

The members of that church especially invite all the white folks to be present as they are making an extra effort to build up their church on the north side. Special seats will be provided for white friends who can make it convenient to be present.

Singers representing this colored church rendered a program of old time melodies and spirituals at the Court House Monday night. The meeting was largely attended by members of both races and these same songs will make up a part of the program that will be rendered at the church Sunday afternoon.

The Donley County Leader March 11, 1930

Ashtola Ball Team Defies Winners July 4th

C. P. Merriman, manager of Ashtola’s crack league team or thereabouts, announces that his boys can “clean the plow” of any winning ball team here the 4th, and more especially the winning team in the East Side-West Side contest.

The Donley County Leader, July 1, 1930



Homer Mulkey (pictured in a hat and tie) stands surrounded by local children on the occasion of his 60th birthday in 1935. Almost 400 kids attended a free show courtesy of Mr. Mulkey at the Pastime Theatre, where the Crossties Ministries building is located today.

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Nearly 400 Attend Homer Mulkey Birthday Party

Expressing a keen desire to do something nice for the “kiddies” at Christmastime was the incentive that led Mr. Homer Mulkey to stage a birthday party at the Pastime theatre Saturday morning at 10. The age limit was twelve years.

Almost an hour before the opening hour, children began to gather at the entrance to the show house. By the time the doors were opened, three hundred and eighty-four children filed into their seats, some as young as six years of age.

The first picture, a comic suited to children, brought forth a hearty applause. After a series of comic pictures lasting more than a half hour, the special reel, “Safety,” was shown. “Safety” mixed enough comic and gay

colors to hold the attention, and at the same time drove home lessons of caution designed to prevent auto accidents.

The safety picture was contributed by an insurance company for the benefit of the protection of children from auto accidents. Following the pictures, a few remarks by J. C. Estlack, the children sang “Happy Birthday” for Mr. Mulkey. Miss Eton Aiken, teacher in the grade school directed the singing.

As the children filed out of the picture show, Lee Casey on one side and Verde Morris on the other, passed candy bars to each of them for Mr. Mulkey.

Mr. Mulkey was celebrating his sixtieth natal milestone, and got out of bed, after a week’s illness, to do honor to his little friends. Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey stood

near the ticket window and received the congratulations of dozens of youngsters as they passed out.

“It is a great day and I have enjoyed it every bit,” Mr. Mulkey said as he and Mrs. Mulkey received compliments. Not to be outdone, a number of the children gave Mr. Mulkey presents, this and the entire arrangements coming as a surprise to him. He knew something was “in the wind,” but details were kept from him.

Mr. Mulkey gave a free picture show to the College and high school pupils at 10 a.m. Monday at the Pastime. The rural pupils of the county were given a similar free show at the Pastime Tuesday at 10 a.m.

The Donley County Leader, December 19, 1935

Local Coyote Ranch Ends As Spectators Jam Yard

It’s nothing for Frank Bourland to come home with coyotes but eleven in his back yard attracted too much attention, yesterday they were sentenced to die.

Bourland, who annually digs small coyotes from their burrows, on his place north west of town, dug seven from one hole and 4 from another this week. Bringing them home he soon found his yard not only full of coyotes but curious spectators.

All the children asked for pets and the owner joyously consented. They were, however, all returned by nightfall.

Overlooking the possibilities of a coyote ranch or perhaps becoming exasperated, Bourland decided the creatures must die – and they did.

The Donley County Leader, May 13, 1937

Historic Cupola Is Being Removed This Week

After standing as a sturdy sentinel at the northeast corner of the courthouse roof since 1890, the cupola is being razed this week.

Excessive weight had begun to cause the walls to crack. A flat top to match other portions of the roof will be made. The work is being done under the supervision of Chas. G. Speed of Speed Brothers, local contractors.

The County commissioners granted the request of the school board for the gray sandstone being taken from the courthouse cupola. This stone will be used in the construction of a small building to house a school bell on the grounds of the South Ward school. The stone was shipped here from Colorado when the courthouse was built and is of the heaviest type of building stone.

The Donley County Leader, April 15, 1937

Work Started On Community Center Buildings

The foundation work being done on the lot south of the Piggly Wiggly this week is the starting of the Lions Club community center building program.

There will be two 20 x 100 foot buildings and one 30 x 120 foot building placed on the west side of the block.

It is understood that the buildings will be used for several different purposes and it is definitely known that one of the buildings will house a Youth Center and another will be used by the Lions Club for their regular meeting place. It will have a kitchen, tables, etc. needed for the regular weekly luncheon meetings.

The buildings are to be moved in sometime within the near future and are surplus government property. Ed Speed is the contractor handling the job of setting the buildings, etc.

The Donley County Leader, June 3, 1948

Lions Move To New Home For Tuesday Luncheon

Members of the local Lions club gathered at the new Lions Club building south of the Piggly Wiggly last Tuesday for their first luncheon to be held in the structure which was moved in recently.

The kitchen arrangement had not been completed on schedule, but the members enjoyed a bountiful supply of sandwiches, etc., which were prepared by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Anderson and Mrs. Tom Roberts at considerable trouble so that the Lions could enjoy this first meeting in their new home. By next week the kitchen should be completed and all members will be able to enjoy those fine meals that are engineered by Mrs. Anderson.

The Donley County Leader August 5, 1948

At the End of 90 Years

The Donley County Leader staff sets aside time for inventory of aims and ideals. We do our best to bring you a home town paper that is worthwhile. In our columns we may criticize or applaud without suspicion or oppression. You the people are the only judge, the only jury!

Our aim is to give you facts and news about our community and other items that may be of local interest... to report it impartially and unbiased... to help the local merchant find his market, and the shopper to find his merchandise. This newspaper is pledged to be the voice and the conscience of this community... so to all these purposes, we rededicate ourselves to these tasks.

During the past 90 years, there have been many ups and downs. Times when it was quite difficult to continue publication and had it not been for our loyal friends and supporter we would not be here observing our 90th anniversary at this time. We have wonderful people living in the territory we serve and we want everyone to know we have appreciated their assistance in helping us to publish your home town paper.

We shall strive to always merit your continued cooperation and confidence. The support of local businesses and individuals has given us more incentive to do a better job in the future along with your help which will always be needed to publish a home town paper.



J.C. Estlack, Founder of The Donley County Leader

Donley County Leader Makes Its Debut In 1929

Approximately 90 years ago, J.C. Estlack was approached and encouraged by a large group of Donley County citizens to start another newspaper here in Clarendon. They wanted a home town paper to represent the entire county as well as Clarendon itself. After giving the idea much thought and consideration, he made up his mind that The Donley County Leader would become a reality.

It took considerable planning to round up a complete newspaper publishing plant. Machinery and equipment was both scarce and high priced at that time but with considerable travel, writing, etc., the necessary equipment was purchased and set up and on March 12, 1929, the first edition of the Donley County Leader came off the press. He put in many long, hard hours of work and planning to make this publication possible. To him this 90th anniversary edition of the Leader is respectfully dedicated.

THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER

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The Declaration of Independence IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.—We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—**That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government,** laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.—He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.—He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.—He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.—He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.—He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.—He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.—He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.—He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.—He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.—He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.—He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.—He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.—He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:—For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:—For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:—For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:—For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:—For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:—For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences—For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:—For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:—For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.—He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.—He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.—He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.—He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.—He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.—We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.— And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



Mules must have a guilty conscience. The most stubborn of people are those who know they are in the wrong.

There is good in everything is proven by the fact that if our ancient ancestors hadn't neglected bathing, perfume would have not been found for centuries.

Do you know that the words "recipe" and "receipt" mean the same thing? And that back in 1888 in reading a cook book "receipt," it refers to the "yoke" of an egg?

Old timers in riding a bucking horse never could figure out how a thing so full of hay could be so hard.

Some people have such a natural friendly disposition that it takes the place of air conditioning in the summer, and central heating in the winter. Not many, but occasionally one cornea along just the same.

Of all Jobs the pound man must have the hardest. He is compelled to carry away a dog—the pet of little folks who are left crying—and shoot the dog because no tax has been paid on the dog.

Please don't forget that only during this month can you get the Leader eight months for seventy-five cents. Better attend to it now. If your subscription expires along in the spring, this will move the expiration date up to a fall month.

Unusual talent bobs up in the most unexpected manner. Take, for instance, Tibor Molnar, state president of Georgia's Rotary clubs. The man came from Hungary in 1922, learned the English language, passed the bar examination later, and is a successful lawyer.

The world is full of self-starters who jam on the brakes when competition gets in their way.

There is an old saying that "any man who does anything and succeeds, will make enemies." Some men envy a neighbor's success. Women may become jealous, but she can never sink to the level of a man's envy.

Just for a change, wouldn't it be great to some time read of where the bride carried a potted lily in each hand?

Probably the first scandal that came to your ears had to do with some of the "best" people of your town living on the "rent" from buildings in the "red light" district. Of course you recall it now that the subject has been brought up!

Then there was the man who was always 'rustling' washin' jobs for his wife. He merely solicited the work and the wife brought in the clothing, washed 'em and returned them to the owner. Her husband did all the collecting. That was your old-time town scandal No. 2.

Every town has a half-wit. So every town also has one or more husbands subject to criticism. They appear to be town assets—so to speak.

Ima Fizzle thinks that "if Lady Astor and Wally Simpson can get by with it, so can she." This is the time of the year when we shed 'long handles', look for colored drinks and read about shot gun weddings.

Autos may depreciate a lot the first and second years, but how about husbands or wives when you check up on the divorce list ? The 1936 model husband might have been classed as "the most wonderful thing in the world," but in 1937 he ain't worth a thin dime.

Probably the reason that so many women get into the business world is, that they can marry out of it if they don't like it.

Flash! Flash! The city's cleanup drive this week has been seriously handicapped by rain—the first in months. No dry-lander is expected to get his feet wet, much less muddy.

The biggest trouble with a soft job is that it is hard to hold, and still harder to get in the first place.

Adios Amigos, until this same time next week.
The Donley County Leader,
May 13, 1937

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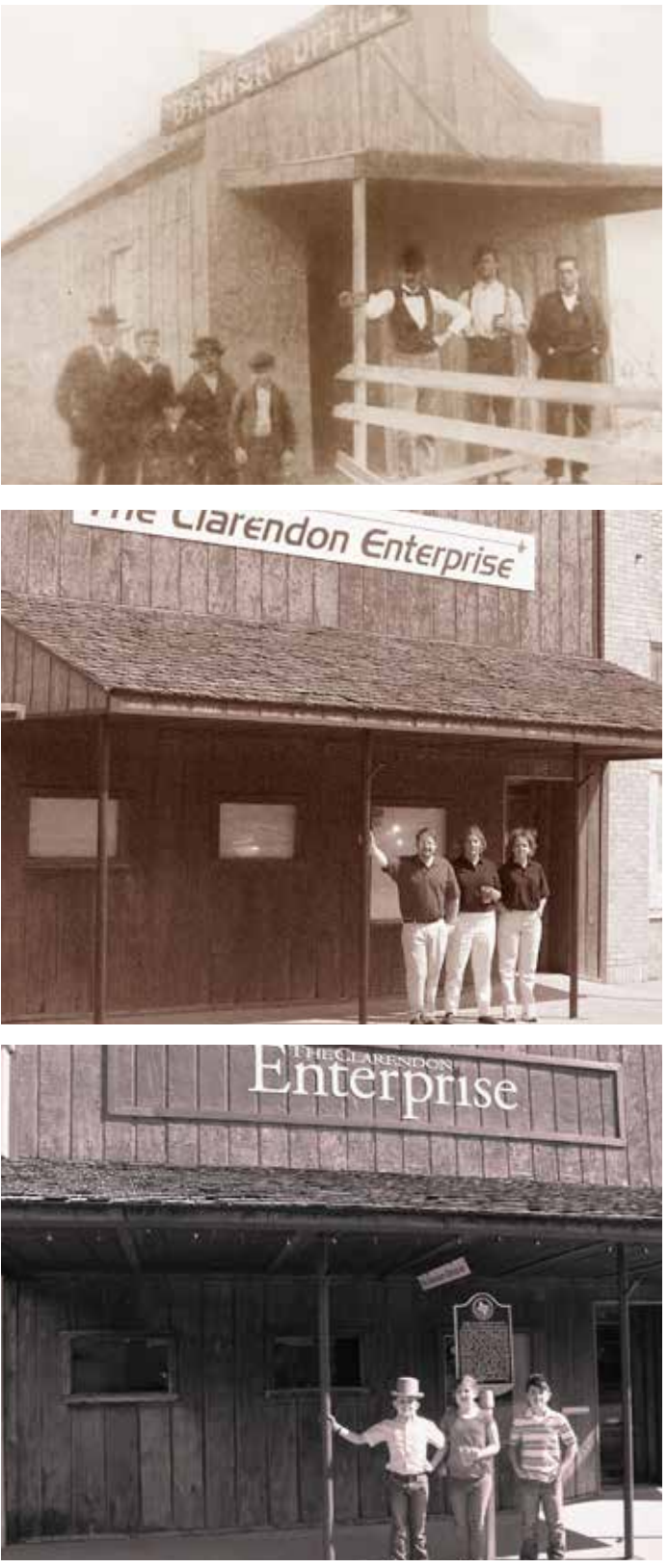
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Quail, Clarendon, Childress Split F.F.A. Honors

More Than 125 Boys Representing Eight Schools Are In Contests Here Saturday; Winners Will Go to Lubbock

Quail, Clarendon and Childress shared honors in the Memphis District F.F.A. leadership contest here Saturday. Approximately 125 boys represented Memphis, Lakeview, Samnorwood, Estelline, Childress, Quail and Clarendon in the various phases of the contests.

Herman Melton of Quail won the public speaking event. J. D. Swift, Clarendon, was second and Morris Leary. Estelline, Area winner last year, was third.

M. H. Turner, Childress, district F.F.A. President, placed first in extemporaneous speaking. Homer Speed, Clarendon, won the other individual event, placing first in the news writing contest.

In the group events, Quail placed first in one act play with the presentation, "Carbon Takes

Express Robbery Here (Almost)

George Green, American Railway Express agent here, reported to officers of the sheriff's department yesterday a daring daylight, express office robbery. The case was broken in record time when Green located the missing merchandise in another part of the office.

Green had received a consignment of candy for the Brunk's comedians and on returning from lunch found two boxes missing. Ha reported the supposed theft to officers who started a diligent search. They were out on a diligent search when they were stopped by Green who had found the candy.

The Donley County Leader, May 6, 1937



Clarendon, Childress, and Quail F.F.A. members display their winning banners in front of Clarendon High School following the district leadership contest held here in 1937.

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a Ride" produced with a cast of eight.

Clarendon was first in chapter conducting with Warren Hardin, Jack Robinson, Jack Reeves, Charlie Murphy, Ray Palmer, Claude McGowen, Emmet McClenney, Beaty Hillman, Durwood McCracken, Rayburn Smith and J. R. Gillham, director, giving the opening' and closing F.F.A. ceremony, the initiation of two green-hands and five minutes parliamentary drill.

Large banners bearing the club insigna were presented

winners by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Those placing first here will enter the Area 1 contests to be held in Lubbock Saturday, May 8th. The local students will leave Clarendon early Saturday morning for Lubbock.

The local chapter of the F.F.A. held a regular meeting in the chapter room at the high school, Wednesday. Following a short musical program by Mary Lois Hayter, Louise Tucker, Dorothy Kerbow and Pauline Carlile, the chapter held its business meeting.

Tentative plans for the annual summer trip were discussed at length and definite plans will be made at the next meeting. Parliamentary procedure was discussed and used throughout the meeting.

The chapter voted to give a picnic in honor of their girl friends on Wednesday, May 5th. Following the closing of the business meeting, games were played.

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Remember to proudly display your American flag on July 4!

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Bronchos Take Fourth During State Play-Off

The Clarendon Bronchos were greeted as the number 4 Class A team in the state by a large delegation of supporters Sunday night at 8 p.m. when they reached the city limits following an eventful four days in the Capital City of the State where they participated in the State Basketball finals.

The Broncs were all tied up with the "State Final" jitters as were a number of the other teams going to Austin for the first time. It fell their lot to play the opening game of the play-off series before a larger crowd and the large group of Clarendon supporters present more or less had the same feeding sitting there in Gregory Gym.

The Broncs lost their first game to Friendswood 51 to 70, and Friendswood went on to defeat West Sabine to take first place.

They lost their second game Friday afternoon to Detroit 51 to 66 and came home with the fourth place title which is a real honor considering the fact there were 224 Class A teams in the state that participated in basketball this year and 4,978 boys. They also placed one player, Charles Louis, on the All-State team.

Both Friendswood and West Sabine had seen previous action state play which is quite an advantage. The Broncs will have that advantage next year and are already looking forward to going back to Austin as the representative from this area.

Coach Carl Irlbeck, speaking for himself and the team, expressed their appreciation for the exceptionally fine following of local people to the state tournament as well as other games, for the fine backing they received by merchants and individuals in the Leader and the radio broadcast of the two games which gave those who stayed behind to keep the town running an opportunity to hear the games while they were in progress.

The Broncs and Coach Carl Irlbeck were honored guests of the Clarendon Lions Club Tuesday noon at which time the coach complimented the fine group of boys making up the Broncho squad.

The Donley County Leader
March 13, 1969

Good Will Trippers Out Tonight And Hedley Bound

All citizens of Clareudon are asked to join the motorcade to Hedley this evening for the goodwill meet that is to be held there.

The program will consist of band music, dancing, magic, art, steel guitar music with accompaniment, etc.

Banjo, saxophone solos, piano solos and yodeling will also be on the program. Refreshments will be served by the ladies as has been the custom at similar meetings.

The Donley County Leader
July 1, 1930



The 1969 Broncho Cheerleaders keep the fan spirit high in the game with Friendswood at Austin with a large group of Clarendon fans are standing behind them.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

First Donley County Terracing Under Range Program Completed

Donley County's first governmental supervised pasture terracing under the range program was completed last week on the Gerner ranch near Lelia Lake.

The lines were on approximately 300 acres, according to Claude Moore, assistant county agent who surveyed the pasture. The majority of the grazing land was not contoured, he said.

Gramma-grass was sown on the terraces which averaged about 15 feet at the base and 2½ feet high.

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Lewis Makes Purchase Of Cows For Ranch

Among the larger purchases of she stuff in this section lately was that of Will Lewis last week when he bought seven hundred young cows to be placed on his Rowe ranch. These cows are of top grade and four and five year stuff.

The Donley County Leader, Oct. 10, 1940

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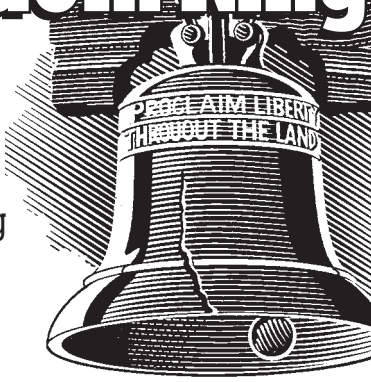
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- George Washington Carver

Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

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COLLEGE

Large Attendance At Annual Mothers And Daughters Banquet

Mrs. Nathan Cox Elected President And Miss Louise Smith Vice President; Pageant Portrays All Nations

Mrs. Nathan Cox was elected president and Miss Louise Smith, vice president, at the annual Mothers-Daughters banquet here Thursday night. Over 150 ladies were present.

Mrs. Elba Ballew was principal speaker for the evening and talked on "Is it Harder to Be a Mother Than a Daughter."

Mrs. W. A. Davis was the oldest mother present. Her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Curry of Summerfield, came the greatest distance. Mrs. Guy Walsh, also of Summerfield and a granddaughter of Mrs. Davis was the youngest mother present.

Bobby Jean Walsh, great granddaughter of Mrs. W. A. Davis, was the youngest daughter present, her age being 15 months. Accompanying Mrs. Davis to the banquet were two daughters, three granddaughters, and one great granddaughter.

Mrs. R. A. Baker and daughter Jaunita Jean of Amarillo, and Mrs. Pearl Prachar of Summerfield were the other relatives not mentioned above.

The pageant. "Melting Pot of The World" portrayed vari-

ous nations. Mrs. J. E. Ryan and daughter Ruzelle. took the role of Indians. Spain was represented by Mrs. C. T. McMurtry and Dorothy Nell Baker. Miss Baker gave a Spanish dance.

England was portrayed by Mrs. Millard Word and daughter. Mary Charlotte. Mrs. Neal Bogard and daughter, Dorothy Jean, represented France. Mrs. Nathan Cox and Beverly Gray Stricklin did the Scotland Highland Fling.

A soft lullaby of the Fatherland, was sung In German to Naomi Morris by Mrs. F. Wiedman. Mrs. Basil Kirtley and Phyllis Rae Ingram took the Italian role.

Mrs. Jim Barkett and daughter, Nadema, were dressed in the native riding habits of Syria and Mrs. E. D. Landreth and Mrs. W. B. Sims sang, Mother McCree for Ireland.

Following America, as portrayed by Mrs. U. J. Boston and Bobby Jo LaFon, all nations sang "America" in the finale. Miss Jo Ella Stewart, president, acted as toastmistress.

The Donley County Leader, May 6, 1937



Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet 1975.

LEADER ARCHIVE PHOTO

Cub Scouts Banquet Held Here

Clarendon's Cub Pack 37 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet Friday night at the school cafeteria.

The covered dish banquet included fried chicken from Bradshaw's Country Kitchen with the other dishes furnished by the boys' mothers.

The highlight of the evening was a prize awarded to the one who could guess closest to the number of beans in a jar, which all of the adults as well as the youngsters tried. Closest was Tony Jaramillo, who guessed 2,089 while the actual number was 2,071.

Cubmaster Claude Thomas made the announcements and introduced William Porter, the guest speaker. Rev. Weldon Rives gave the invocation. He is the minister of the First United Methodist Church of Clarendon which sponsors the Scouts

and allows them to meet at the church. Special guest was Frank Phelan, Adobe Walls Council vice president.

Sam Lowry, presented the awards earned during the year. Lynn Alderson and Rodney Keown earned the Bobcat rank. Awarded Wolf patches and pins were Lynn Alderson, Todd Roberson, Rodney Hill, Wesley English, Douglas Walker, Neal Johnston, and Troy Stephens. Bear pins and patches were earned by Arlis Thomas and Ronald Burleson.

In the Webelos, Jerry Hicks, Raymon Jaramillo, Timothy Carter, and Dennis Braddock earned the scientist insignia. Engineers were Jerry Hicks, Raymon Jaramillo, and Dennis Braddock. Keith Reese earned the geologist pin.

The Donley County Leader, March 2, 1975



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This Sinclair station opened in 1935 at the corner of what is today US 287 and Sully Street where the KEFH parking lot is now.

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George Carter To Operate New Service Station

Modern Sinclair Station In Trent Building On Highway No. 5

The opening of the new Sinclair Station next Saturday is expected with a great deal of optimism and enthusiasm on the part of the friends of the management, the wholesale agent and others.

George Carter, manager and operator of the new station, has been a resident of Clarendon for almost two years, having been in the employ of the Thompson hardware company.

Mr. Carter is a young businessman endowed by training and nature to succeed in all his undertakings. His affable disposition has won for him many friends since he came to Clarendon. He also has a wide

acquaintance over the county. His family, consisting of Mrs. Carter and their babe, is considered among the most worthy of the city.

The new station conforms to all the requirements of the Sinclair corporation, being equipped with every modern convenience. A 2-way drive-in and three "island" pumps for dispensing two grades of gasoline assures the public of quick service.

A complete stock of Good-year tires and tubes and a general line of auto accessories is at the public's request. Pres-O-Lite batteries will be featured. Quick tube repair equipment is another feature that will appeal to the motorist.

The washing and greasing

equipment is under a special roof to the east of the main station. Here again modern conveniences have been installed.

Rest rooms for both sexes are provided for the tourist. This is said to be the finest station in the Panhandle out-side Amarillo, and equal to any of that city. The opening date next Saturday is expected to attract a large number who wish to try the service and inspect the new building, the last word in service station construction.

*The Donley County Leader,
May 30, 1935*

New Buildings Best Evidence

More Building Contemplated in Near Future Attests Faith of Citizens

The ring of the saw and hammer in Clarendon is the reply to hard times stories brought from many parts of the state. Local men who have withstood the storms of many financial gales continue to "carry on" despite all that can be said about conditions affecting building trades over middle west.

The new mercantile building owned by George Bugbee now nearing completion is built on the faith of a man who has spent forty years in the Panhandle and most of that time in Donley county. This building has an inside measurement of 25 x 115 feet, inset front, hardwood floors, modern plumbing and materials of brick and steel making it as near fireproof as possible. The building is located next door to the new Latson two story building on the old Presbyterian church corner. It will be occupied by the Clarendon drug store this week as told in another column.

P. H. Robison, who came here some two years ago investing in the auto tourist park on east First street, is erecting a combination store and residence building. The building will be fitted with shower bath facilities in addition to a stock of tourist necessities, groceries, etc. It is Mr. Robinson's idea to have a tourist camp park in keeping

with the size and general appearance of the town, and equal to those of most any other town. John Eudy is responsible for most of the carpenter work on this building.

An eight room duplex is being constructed by R. L. Stegall and Homer Gorman in the southwest part of town near the Hubert Zeigler home. Both men are master carpenters and are doing a great deal of their own work consequently the plans are being closely followed insuring one of the nicest buildings in that part of town.

Workmen have removed the old building from the site where a beautiful eight room brick veneer is to be constructed as the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holland. Sr. A basement under two rooms, modern plumbing, two porches and plenty of room for yardage will make of this structure all that could be desired in a modern home.

Other buildings are to be constructed soon and plans also include some more business houses according to contractors and carpenters who ever keep an ear to the ground for information in their line of work.

Building at present is normal despite financial handicaps. Those who are building are people who have lived here many years. They have faith in the town and in Donley county.

*The Donley County Leader
March 11, 1930*

Glory to the Red, White, & Blue!

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Have a safe and happy Fourth.

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Wanda Smith, Treasurer
Fay Vargas, Clerk
Linda Crump, Tax Assessor/Collector
Pam Mason, Justice of the Peace
Pat White, Justice of the Peace
Butch Blackburn, Sheriff
Landon Lambert, County Attorney
Stuart Messer, District Judge
Mark White, Commissioner Pct. 1
Daniel Ford, Commissioner Pct. 2
Andy Wheatly, Commissioner Pct. 3
Dan Sawyer, Commissioner Pct. 4
Doug Wright, Constable

Our offices will be closed
Thursday, July 4



Racing Stock Attracted Many To Early Clarendon Track

Money, Saddles, Boots, Blankets And Often the Horses Themselves Were Put Up as Bets When Kentucky Ideas Prevailed

By Wanda Mayfield
“Go!” yelled the starter, and a bunch of horses started around the beaten track in a flurry of dust. The bay from Dallas, an expensive bay ridden by a trained jockey, took the lead, and the standing crowd of cheering men and women were glad they had placed two dollars on him. He was a sure bet. But wait, an old roan from the cocklebur patches of Brice was leading the second round. They were neck and neck, then from the straggling line behind suddenly

there sprinted out the local pet, a two-year-old who had won previous races at the track. He gained steadily and dashed over the finish line a couple of paces ahead of the roan, with the highfalutin Dallas colt taking third place.

This pictures one of the most exciting races ever held at the Clarendon Race Track; time, 1906.

Near the city lake there was a track that drew speculating men in tight leg trousers and black derby hats, and ladies in modish dress, gigantic hats fitted with duster veils, and high top shoes.

There were not any grandstand seats; the people perched on their buggies or wagons or

stood at the edge of the track. There were no stalls for the horses to line up in: they were arranged close together, “no daylight between,” and at the signal the race began. Three men judged the winners of the race and awarded prizes. Familiar names connected with races at that time were Paul Atteberry, Tom Bugbee, “Doc” Howard, Bob Blair, H. Lott, Manly, J.W. Kent, and Harry Weatherly.

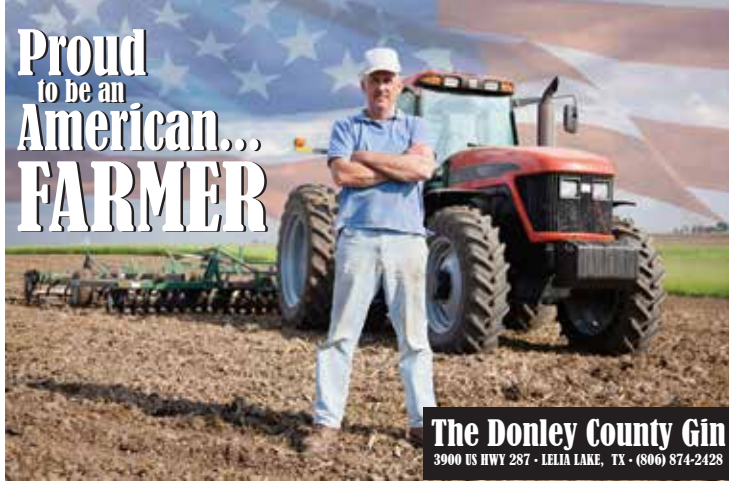
Persons who were residents of Clarendon when horse racing was the greatest sport of the Panhandle will remember the furor caused when it was found that a particularly swift horse, Heelfly, owned by H. Lott, was being treated with a pint of choice whiskey before he

won each race. This encouragement was considered illegal, but nobody could prove it, so other horse fanciers tried the “sousing” method. “Heelfly” was never defeated on the Clarendon track, and his fastest time was made when he was twenty-three-years old.

These memories of Clarendon’s racing days were recalled by Bob Blair in an interview recently.

*The Donley County Leader
July 18, 1935*

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Ninety Years Ago In The Donley Co. Leader

The following headlines and items were taken from the first issue of the Leader, March 12, 1929.

Hedley Farm Industrial Report by R. E. Mann: For the 1928-29 crop season there was ginned at Hedley, 13,312 bales of cotton, five cars of hogs were shipped, 90 cars of cattle, nine cars of poultry, \$748.00 worth of cream was shipped during February. About 200 cars of feed and corn was shipped this last season. At present Mr. Alexander of Memphis is starting on the compress.

Lelia Lake’s Industries Growing: Growing from an obscure farming village to an important shipping center is the record made by Lelia Lake, the best farming section of Donley County. This area produces alfalfa of an exceptional fine quality which finds a ready market each season at a good price. During the past season local gins alone produced 5,600 bales of cotton and during the past year, 125 cars of hay, cotton seed and grain and 16 pairs of cattle were shipped out. The butter, eggs and cream marketed during the year amounted to more than ten thousand dollars. This was all in addition to the produce that was trucked out.

The Clarendon College girls basketball team bowed before a select group of Claude all-stars to the tune of 30-34 here in the South Ward gym Thursday night.

Farmers Start Terracing In Donley County: With the advent of the 1929 farm season, many of our best farmers started the program with the idea of saving their land by terracing where needed with an additional touch of manure, cotton burrs, and gin moats.

F. E. Chamberlain and son, George took in the sights at the Ft. Worth stock show the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer are the proud parents of a son, their first born, on the 9th. James Wesley weighed eight and a half pounds and already has his application in at the Palmer-Riddle garage as chief announcer of the arrival of customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Skelton are on their bridal tour taking them over much of Texas, New Mexico and Colorado.

Homer Mulkey, owner of Pastime and Queen Theatres of Clarendon, is scouting around looking over the “Movie Talkies” with a view of installing the latest in picture show equipment here. Homer thinks there is nothing too good for the home folks and he is dead right about that.

Mrs. M. Harvey sold two sections of her land recently to Mr. C. P. Hamilton who will do a ranch business. This land is rough land some twenty miles northeast of town and is said to have sold for fourteen dollars per acre. Mrs. Harvey will hold her other land pending oil development which has received

a new impetus since the building of the test rig near the river on the Jericho highway. The road to success is full of wives pushing their husbands along.

Brice Items—Misses Claudine Smallwood and Glynn Shepherd spent the week end with Misses Mattie and Jewell Rhodes of Goldston community. Mr. and Mrs. Cal Holland and family, and the Misses Mamie and Frankie Smallwood, visited friends in the Goldston community Sunday.

Everyone is taking advantage of the pretty weather this week and hope for a good rain before planting time.

Martin Items—Mr. and Mrs. Sid Endsley gave the young people of the community an entertainment last week. On Wednesday a number of the young people of Martin enjoyed an evening of 42 playing at the home of Misses Mayme Wood and Lucile Polk. Another good program was given by the “Pep” literary society Friday

afternoon. Among the visitors were: Messers. J.E. Baker, Will Peabody, Dave Patterson, J.B. Turnbow, Della Lafon, W.E. Hodges, Buck Roberts, Sibley, J. L. Hood, and Misses Bertie Mae Poole, Polly Sowell and Pittman.

Lelia Lake Items — Mrs. Guy Taylor is spending the week in Clarendon with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Tatum looking after her new granddaughter, Miss Dorothy Jean. Supt. E. R. Reeves visited his mother in Jericho Wednesday. Lee Muse had business in Amarillo Thursday. Miss Veru Leathers, who is a student in the WTSTC at Canyon, visited her parents over the week end. Quinn Aten was a Memphis visitor Sunday nite.

This Ad would have been appropriate today too: A new Paper but we are an Old Firm. This ad is good for 15c on any three-pound pail of coffee if presented before Thursday evening closing time. Shelton & Sanford, Groceries and Feed.

The Donley County Leader, March 11, 1954

Unique Races Attracting Children With Entrants

Public Greatly Excited As Terrapin Derby Entrants Stacking Up

If one had any idea that the turtle contest would draw little interest, that party has another guess coming. Every terrapin almost in the county has been lassoed and corraled already for training for the prize money.

Among the entrants is Clyde Skinner of Hedley with “Charles Jr.” and Charles Nidever owner of a beautiful lady steed bearing the cognomen of “Rose Marie.” Eldridge Chilton enters “Hump” and

Truett Holtzclaw passes in “Clint C. Small.”

Henry Toomb, Jr. will present “Mutt” and his sister Charlotte Ann modestly offers “Jiggs” as a winner.

George Hall has pinned his faith to “Milt Mosley” while Forrest Adamson knows “Gallant Fox” will strut his stuff. G. C. Meredith of Giles will enter a choice reptile under the name of “Giles Special”.

Lamar Adamson has polished up “Rhea Count” as a titled gentleman of Donley county and feels that he will win fame on the 4th.

Phebo Noble of Windy Valley enters “Abram Lincoln” and Hart Walters from the same place pins his faith to “A. N. Wood” to win over any scrub turtle that bobs up.

Floyd, Lloyd and Bill Jack Brooks have a batch of racers corraled for the races and their actions are clothed in mystery. These boys may spring a surprise as they are credited with being a shrewd bunch and know how to train their live stock.

Bring your race stock in the reptile line to the South Ward

school building on the morning of the 4th. The races will be held at the noon hour. Be prepared to take care of your “racers” until time to enter the “speedway” that no reptile be damaged before given a chance to win cash money.

Rumors about A.N. Wood In Terrapin Race

Hart Walters exhibits no little pride in offering “A. N. Wood” as an entrant in the terrapin tussle here the 4th. It has been rumored that the reptile originally came from Jack county, and if this is proven, the pest may be ruled out.

On the other hand, Hart is positive that he can prove that the terrapin is of noble birth being the progeny of West Texas steeds of a long lineage dating back to the time that Enchilada de Hotmale visited Texas in 1492 as a disgruntled sailor when Colombo failed to pay off.

*The Donley County Leader
July 1, 1930*

SHERIFF ISSUES PUBLIC WARNING

Sheriff Pierce came to the Leader office Tuesday and asked that, this newspaper carry a message of warning to those who might for some reason take advantage of the occasion the 4th to drive while intoxicated.

“We Invite all the folks to come to Clarendon July 4th and have a good time, but we won’t tolerate any drunkenness of any kind,” Pierce stated. Accidents are avoided by driving carefully, he said, and the best Judgment is required at times to avoid a smash.

*The Donley County Leader,
July 2, 1936*

Sweet Land of Liberty

Our great nation was born on this day in 1776, founded on the principles that all people are created equal and have certain unalienable rights. We’re proud and blessed to live in a country where the ideals of freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are embraced. Please have a wonderful and safe holiday, and see you at the Saints’ Roost Celebration & Rodeo.

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THE LEADER STAFF

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To all who fought for her, died for her, and protect her today, we thank you.



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